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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to barely steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair, but stronger into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were mostly adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light to no better than fair. Wings were in good supply to tight and moving satisfactorily. Breast items and dark meat were at least adequate to ample and often discounted to help clear excess product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

<u>Preliminary report</u> Prices negotated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11-SEP-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to Fir	st Receivers			
Chicago	63.00-66.00	55.00-71.00	64.68	28
New York	64.00-67.00			
Los Angeles	78.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi 69.00-72.00 55.00-78.00 70.56 92

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 71.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

		PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
973	63.00-73.00	70.69

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	166.00	1,181
BREASTS - B/S	157.50	5,505
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,259
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.00	1,062
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	8,400
WINGS	101.50	2,693

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Early negotiated prices on whole birds for next week's delivery into the Chicago area were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady with a weak undertone. Demand was lackluster for the most part; instances of fairly good movement were noted in Ohio and Michigan areas. Floor stocks were in a full range on irregular weekend clean-up. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trade was minimal with wings maintaining best draw. Supplies of wings were adequate to tight; tenders and drums were adequate; dark bone-in cuts and boneless dark meat varied, but was at least adequate; and large boneless/skinless breast was ample. The market tone was fully steady on wings, weak on boneless/skinless breast, and about steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was light to fair. Wings were balanced to close and moving seasonally well. However, breast items and dark meat were at least adequate with discounts noted to help movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

<u>WESTERN</u> Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate to ample, fully adequate overall. Buying activity was fair. Trade reported discounts more common in hopes of stimulating interest in additional product. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone mixed on parts. Wings were firm, breasts steady to occasionally fully steady, leg quarters weak and the balance of parts about steady.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair entering the weekend. Offerings were fully sufficient for current needs with 3.00-3.50 pound sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were well cleared. Leg cuts were fully adequate.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and unaggressive at some points, fairly good elsewhere and generally noted as best on the 3.00 and 3.50 pound sizes. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderately heavy when combined with operations set for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to clear satisfactorily. Other items were at least adequate with leg cuts generally noted as competitively priced to stimulate buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		58-83
WEIGHTED AVER	AGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	09/04/06-09/08/06	(A)
	09/05/05-09/09/05	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	09/04/06-09/08/06	(A)
	09/05/05-09/09/05	(A)
(A) Not reported to	o avoid disclosing individua	al operations.

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	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS					WEEKLY
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	AVG	(000)	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	WTD AVG	<u>(000)</u>	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	766 12	27.00-193.00	-	145.27	771	127.00-193.00) -	144.73	3,049	146.25
TENDERLOINS	175 13	38.00-196.00	142-147	145.26	187	138.00-196.00) 142-147	145.20	808	146.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	86.00-90.00	-	88.51	117	86.00-90.00) -	88.50	435	87.64
FRONT HALVES	TC	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		TO	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		279	74.70
LEGS	238	43.00-62.00	44-45	45.40	253	43.00-62.00	44-45	45.16	1,070	45.47
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	692	29.00-38.00	32-33	32.78	672	29.00-38.00	32-33	32.15	2,624	32.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	862	31.00-39.00	36-37	36.56	854	31.00-39.00	36-37	36.35	3,580	36.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	98.00-104.00	99-102	102.95	320	98.00-104.00	99-102	102.94	1,215	100.86
WINGS (CUT)	310 1	15.00-120.00	116-119	118.44	306	115.00-120.00	116-119	118.45	1,141	117.74
DRUMSTICKS	96	32.00-62.00	-	37.00	TO	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		308	39.37
THIGHS	TC	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		184	43.76
B/S THIGHS	TC	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		TO	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		299	89.29
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TRADING FOR SEP 07, 2	_		TAILOTAI	10	_	IG FOR SEP 08.		-	,,,,	
		AVERAGE			110.01	RANGE	TODAY'S AV		5-DAY	AVERAGE
50.50 - 57.50	IODAIS	53.14		•	50	00 - 57.50		52.47	<u> </u>	53.57
The Index is intended solely	as an ind		or commodity-	type produ			dustry's willing		ability to b	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was light to no better than fair and noted as unaggressive entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items, legs and leg quarters were readily available and often discounted where product was in excess. Other dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was at least steady for wings; barely steady to weak for breast items, legs and leg quarters.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

SLI UI								3L1 00
	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD			WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AV	G VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	147.45	623,000	155	152.86	494,040	150.91	2,224,654
TENDERLOINS	150-155	146.73	189,659	150-155	149.81	101,840	146.39	550,905
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	93.72	96,440	86-87	92.81	122,640	94.05	378,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	89.00	90,000	86	88.83	86,400	89.36	337,960
LEGS	47-48	49.22	146,200	46-47	50.48	151,240	49.73	580,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	37.51	337,800	33-34	36.88	430,160	37.46	1,387,920
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	39.56	163,580	37-38	45.56	129,978	41.07	627,284
THIGHS	34-35	46.19	54,680	34-35	45.14	56,200	44.94	242,600
B/S THIGHS	91-92	89.22	133,080	91-92	93.40	87,000	90.75	437,620
WINGS (WHOLE)	103-104	104.62	216,360	103-104	104.52	227,220	105.14	902,760
BACKS AND NEĆKS (STRII	PPED) 10-12	11.67	19,800	10-12	11.92	26,200	11.63	75,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.26	17,360	30-35	28.57	16,000	28.62	57,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.69	22,640	50-55	53.95	23,200	51.96	94,200
INCLUDES: NY CITY MÉTRO. A	AREA, RI, NORTHERI	N NJ, MA, (CT, PA (NÓRTHEA:	ST OF HARRISBURG)	.* NEG. SALE	S AS OF 11:30 A.M		

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)								
				<u>-</u>				AVG
	ESTIN	<u>IATED</u>	AC'	<u>TUAL</u>	AVG	WT	ACTUAL	WTS
	09/08	09/07	09/06	09/05	09/06	09/05	09/01	08/30
Alabama	4,256	4,084	3,948	3,956	5.32	5.35	4,273	5.23
Arkansas	6,685	5,408	5,358	5,278	5.40	5.47	5,473	5.17
Delmarva	2,563	2,331	2,320	2,559	5.65	5.80	2,818	5.56
KY-LA-TN	2,243	2,347	2,322	2,330	5.08	5.19	2,530	5.03
Mississippi	3,264	2,900	2,910	2,941	5.87	5.83	3,602	5.96
North Carol	ina 3,056	2,626	2,568	2,630	6.77	6.76	3,612	6.79
Texas	5,567	5,515	2,546	2,544	5.37	5.41	2,517	5.19
Total	27,634	25,211	21,972	21,970	5.60	5.65	24,825	5.51
Mon-Fri	104,781(A)					112,271(A)	
Saturday	2,581	(included	in total for	date sho	wn)		2,782	
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal								

SEP 07

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Sep-06 and 09-Sep-06 is estimated to be 41,344,000 head up 10.98 percent from a week ago and down -3.16 percent from a year ago. (Last week 37,252,000, last year 42,692,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 09-Sep-06 is estimated to be 154,084,000 head down 8.44 percent from a week ago, and up 2.24 percent from a year ago. (Last week 168,295,000, last year 150,712,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS						
		RANGE				
FRESH FRYERS		91-100				
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108				
HENS UNDER 5#		33-100				
HENS OVER 5#		65-74				
DUCKS		03-74				
		-				
RABBITS-WHOLE		-				
RABBITS-CUT UP		-				
SAN FRANCISCO PROCES	SED POULTRY	<u>(</u>				
DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS	S AND INSTITU	TIONS				
		RANGE				
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103				
	DRY PACK	110-114				
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100				
	DRY PACK	111-118				
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK					
1.2.13 3 12.10	DRY PACK					
DUCKS	DICTIMOR	185-190				
DOONG		100 100				

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YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

Week anding 02-San-06

week ending	02-Sep-06				
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26-	6.26-	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.26 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
(Preliminary)	-		———Thou	sands	
Head	53,700	84,183	24,329	6,083	168,295
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.42	6.96	8.08	5.18
% of total /1	32%	50%	14%	4%	100%
Compariso	ns				
Last week	44,621	88,120	26,791	6,900	166,432
Avg Live Wgt	3.8	5.33	6.97	8.08	5.3
% of total /1	27%	53%	16%	4%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,282	75,515	25,515	5,495	150,807
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.27	6.79	8.1	5.2
% of total /1	29%	50%	17%	4%	100%
To date/2006	1,640,451	2,769,709	798,345	437,103	5,645,608

To date/2005 1,693,349 2,719,918 /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

September 9

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

911,364

310,437 5,635,068

- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

<u>LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION</u> W/E 02-Sep-06

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
(CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
(Preliminary) —		THOU	ISANDS		
Head	168,295	931	1,557	2,488	428
Avg Wt	5.18	3.08	8.26	6.32	6.18
Last week	166,432	955	1,553	2,508	461
Same wk yr ago	150,807	1,369	1,338	2,707	504
Avg Wt	5.2	3.24	8.21	5.7	6.38
To-date/2006	5,645,608	38,718	52,005	90,723	17,544
To-date/2005	5,635,068	52,427	49,895	102,322	17,368

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.3 million head, or 7.7 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON MILLION HEAD MILLION HEAD AVG **WEEK ENDING SLAUGHTERED AVAILABLE PCT** WT 29 163.2 164.0 100% 5.22 July August 5 164.1 163.8 100% 5.31 12 164.0 164.2 100% 5.24 19 162.6 164.3 99% 5.27 103% 5.30 26 168.5 163.6 September 170.3 162.6 105% 5.18 Year to date 5714.1 5735.3 100%

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection THULISANDS

162.0 163.7

I HOUSANDS							
W/E	09/09/06	09/02/06	<u>% CHG</u>	09/10/05	<u>% CHG</u>		
Broilers	154,084	168,295*	-8.44	150,712*	+2.24		
Cattle	591	680	-13	578*	+02		
Hogs *ACTUAL	1,884	2,045	-08	1,839*	+02		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 04-SEP-2006 **DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US** GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	FROZEN 151-155	FRESH 157-161
MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED. CENTS PER POUND

RANGE

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	IVAITOL	WOOLE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60.00-66.50	64.00-66.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66.00-87.00	72.00-77.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

> 12 OZ. 62.64 - 85.05 14 OZ. 69.12 - 96.39 16 OZ. 74.88 -106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment ended the current week steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were in balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-SEP-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - September 05, 2006 **ALPAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY*

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Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	<u>RA</u>	NGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 -	.90			
Guinea Pigs	3.00 -	6.00ea.			
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 -	.50			
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.45 -	.50			
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.35 -	.40			
Guinea Fowl	-	1.30 ea.			
Banty Roosters	1.00 -	1.50 ea.			
Banty Hens	.75 -	1.00 ea.			
Leghorn Hens	-	.25ea.			
Leghorn Roosters	-	.30ea.			
Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 -	.30			
Pigeons	1.75 -	2.25 ea.			
White Pigeons	3.00 -	3.25 ea.			
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.20 -	1.40			
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 -	1.20			
Bunnies	2.00 -	5.00 ea.			
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 -	.90			
Total Coops Sold 298					

^{/2} Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was no better than fair for the mostly light and unaggressive buyer interest. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 18-27 MAJORITY 22-23

HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25

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HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO RE-

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair, best into rendering operations. Offerings were at least adequate to available. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. Trade sentiment was steadv.

> **MAJORITY** RANGE 5-12

REMOVAL COST SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading was too few to

report. Interest was slow to light for fully sufficient offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY** TOO FEW TO REPORT

REMOVAL COST

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was light while offerings remain fully adequate to ample. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady.

MAJORITY RANGE REMOVAL COST 4.5-11 5-10

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 011-SEP-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were to few too report prices. Demand was only light for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced for current week. Finished sales were only fair. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

> **RANGE MAJORITY**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was mostly fair. The undertone was no better than steady.

> RANGE **MAJORITY**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT **FOB PLANT** TOO FEW TO REPORT

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